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RUSS SPIES REPORTED MAKING BIG EFFORT TO GET F-16 DATA

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WASHINGTON—Soviet spies in Western Europe reportedly are making major efforts to get secret information on the new U.S. F-16 fighter plane and advanced computer technology from North Atlantic Treaty Organization nations.

U.S. intelligence sources indicated they learned this after two Soviet KGB agents, masquerading as trade officials, were expelled from the Netherlands in April.

Sources said Gennadiy Burmistrov operated under the guise of an aviation export specialist with a Soviet trade mission in Amsterdam but actually had a high-priority mission of obtaining data on the F-16 which the Netherlands and three other NATO nations are buying.

It was not known whether Burmistrov succeeded in his mission before being expelled from the Netherlands.

Vladimir Khlystov, described as another Soviet intelligence agent, ostensibly was financial director of a joint Soviet-Dutch computer firm until a Dutch employe reportedly became suspicious of certain activities, including the copying of computer

information and sending it to the Soviet Union.

The F-16 is believed by U.S. intelligence officials to be a prime target of Soviet spy efforts because the new plane promises to become a major weapon for NATO alliance nations.

In a related development, it was learned that the spying technology can enable foreign embassies in Washington to monitor transmissions of stock exchange and other financial news and use this information for money-making purposes.

This and other details of espionage advances are contained in a 175-page history of the Central Intelligence Agency published by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

The report expanded on a cryptic passage in last year's Rockefeller Commission report on the CIA, warning that private telephone conversations, transmitted by microwave relays, could be listened in on by foreign embassies.

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